

Guidelines

for the organization of the

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Insofar as gender-related terms are used in these specifications, they include women and men equally.

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1. Application and award

1.1. The “WUBOX IGP international championship and competitions” are held each year in the period between the second weekend in April and the second weekend in May. If there are specific applications from national canine organizations (FCI-NCO) in which the implementation in this time frame is not possible for climatic or agricultural reasons, exceptions can be made in agreement with the other FCI-NCO. FCI-NCO, that would like to organize these championships, must apply in writing to the chairman of the WUBOX utility dogs commission at least two years beforehand.

The application must contain:

- The name of the FCI-NCO
- The venue of the event and the binding date
- The name and address of the person in charge of organizing the event.

1.2. The WUBOX utility dogs commission reviews the received applications by the FCI-NCO; afterwards the applications will be given to the WUBOX Executive board with a recommendation of the WUBOX utility dogs commission. The WUBOX Executive board assigns the event to an FCI-NCO by majority vote.

1.3. The FCI-NCO, which is assigned to organize the WUBOX IGP international championship, shall bear full responsibility for the smooth and trouble-free running of the championship.

1.4. Not later than January of the year the FCI-NCO are to be invited by the organizing national body. At that time, an internet presence should be online (website) with information about persons in charge, accommodation, registration form, map and directions, sites for campers and caravans, etc.

1.5. The amount of the registration fee is left to the organizing FCI-NCO but may not exceed 100.- €. The organizing FCI-NCO is subsidized by WUBOX. The grant currently is 1.000.- €.

2. Organization

- 2.1. A catalogue, with information about participants and a schedule must be published. The participating countries have to be listed in alphabetical order and in the language of the FCI-NCO. The participants receive a catalogue number or a start code. That start code is to wear as number by the participants visible during the whole competition. The most important parts of the catalogue must be written in the two WUBOX languages German and English.
- 2.2. Throughout the duration of the event, the arena/stadium of the event will be decorated with the flags of the participating FCI-NCO and the WUBOX flag. The donated honorary prizes can be listed in the program.
- 2.3. All results must be regularly entered on a results board easily visible to the public respectively updated online on the organizer's website.

3. Trial Chairperson

- 3.1. The FCI-NCO running the event shall provide a qualified trial chairperson for each section, whose work shall include, in particular:
 - Technical running of the trial
 - Provision, planning and equipment of a sufficiently large track area
 - Providing a sufficient number of qualified helpers (stewards, tracklayers, guides, helpers for phase C, office staff, interpreters, etc.)
 - Preparing the evaluation sheets for the trial judges
 - Quick and reliable working out of the trial results to determine the winner and order of placing

4. Trial grounds and course of events

- 4.1. The WUBOX IGP international championship shall be held in accordance with FCI-IGP-3, the competition level 2 in accordance with FCI-IGP-2 and the competition level 1 in accordance with FCI-IGP-1. Obedience and the phase C (protection phase) have to be carried out in an arena with a well-tended lawn. If law in the country where the WUBOX IGP international championship is held prohibits the stick test, the soft stick can only be used to threaten the dog.
- 4.2. There should be a covered stand to protect spectators from bad weather. Sufficient car parking spaces must be provided for competitors and spectators in front of and near the arena. A canteen must also be available, in the arena where possible, to cater for the competitors, spectators and helpers.
- 4.3. The tracking ground should enable all competitors to have the same conditions. The ground does not have to be of one uniform type; alternative grounds such as meadows, fields and ground with low plants can also be used. Obstacles such as fences, ditches, etc. are permitted as long as overcoming them does not cause the dog or the handler any undue difficulties. The area that was used on Friday can be used again on Sunday. The track supervisor is to be given a sketch of the ground in a scale of 1:5000 showing the tracks. There must be at least three

qualified tracklayers available.

- 4.4. The organizing FCI-NCO ensures a guide service respectively a transport service to the track area for participants and spectators.
- 4.5. A time schedule is to be drawn up showing the presentation time for each competitor. This time schedule must be compiled in such a way that each competitor has a period of at least one hour between the individual trial sections (bitches in season are given a thirty-minute break between obedience and protection work). The order of the trial sections can be different.
- 4.6. The competitors are to be allocated a corresponding training ground for tracking training.
- 4.7. The day before the WUBOX IGP international championship the teams are to be given time for training in the arena for the obedience and protection sections. The time available is to be divided among the number of competitors, whereas the minimum time for one competitor is 5 minutes at least. The training schedule has to be announced to the team leader and published at the official homepage respectively. The training has to be supervised by a qualified person appointed by the organizer.
- 4.8. A veterinary check is to be carried out before commencement of the trials. Animal welfare-related requirements of the FCI-NCO must be strictly observed. Dogs that appear sick and are suspected of being infectious are not admissible. Bitches in season are admissible on condition that they are kept separate from the other competitors and are the last to compete in the obedience and protection phases. The veterinary check must be completed before the draw. One of the acting judges has to be present and is responsible for the temperament check. At the same time, the identity has to be checked by the chip. Without veterinary control, the start at the event is not possible.
- 4.9. Before the start of the competition, a trial judge carries out a line inspection. Lines in the correct nature and length must be marked.
- 4.10. The helpers actually used for the different competitions (champion class, FCI-IGP-2, FCI-IGP-1) are to be chosen from a minimum of four protection helpers made available by the organizer, with the choice made by trial judge for the phase C. The choice should be in camera. The protection helpers must use the protective clothing, e.g. protective sleeve, protective trousers, determined by the FCI.
- 4.11. The ownership and/or the use of E-devices, prong collars, devices for electro shocks and any other means of coercion within the sphere of the WUBOX international championship shall lead to disqualification, regardless of the legal situation in the organizing country. The handler of the dog is liable for any caused damage. Any accusation must be accompanied by written evidence and witnesses.
- 4.12. Before commencement of the championship, the chairman of the WUBOX utility dogs commission or a member of the WUBOX utility dogs commission shall convene a trial judge meeting to be attended by the track supervisor, the trial judges and the person in charge of organization. For a good communication, the organizer has to provide interpreters.

- 4.13. Before commencement of the championship, the chairman of the WUBOX utility dogs commission or a member of the WUBOX utility dogs commission shall convene a team leader meeting to be attended by the track supervisor, the trial judges the person in charge of organization, the trial chairpersons and the team leaders. At the team leader meeting, the order in which the countries are drawn is determined by drawing lots. The competitors from the organizing country shall get the final lot. For a good communication, the organizer has to provide interpreters.
- 4.14. Obedience and the work in phase C (FCI-IGP-3) are to be demonstrated in the arena with the selected helpers to ensure that the desired sequence is clear to every competitor. The organizer has to make available at least two trial dogs (Boxer).
- 4.15. The draw for the starting order (groups) is to be conducted in public on the evening before the WUBOX IGP international championship. The catalogue number with the lot number (tracking group) assigned by the draw must be made visible to all the competitors. The competitors from the organizing national body shall be the last to take part in the draw for the group numbers. The starting order within the groups will be determined by drawing lots in the field on both days, immediately before the first start in the particular group.
- 4.16. The length of the tracks can be shortened in consultation of the person in charge for organization with the judge in section A and the track supervisor. The final decision is made by the majority of the chief judge, the trial judge from section A and the track supervisor. The length determined for the tracks and information about the ground is to be made known to the competitors. Samples of the articles used have to be published on the official homepage of the organizer before the championship.
- 4.17. Obedience and work in phase C are to be carried out in the arena, alternating in the same place. During the obedience test only, the items required shall be present (hurdle, climbing wall, dumbbells, blind for the “down” drill), during the protection work only the 6 blinds shall be set up. Positions and distances are to be marked using white chalk or spray. The used items (hurdle, climbing wall, dumbbells, and blinds) have to be published on the official homepage of the organizer before the championship.
- 4.18. All participants are obliged, regardless of the result, to attend the award ceremony. Staying away will result in disqualification due to unsporting behavior. The event ends with the award ceremony or the handover of the scorebooks to the participants. At the closing ceremony, the results of the individual scores (competition level 1, level 2 and champion class) shall be announced first and then the national rankings (each starting with the 3rd place, followed by the 2nd and the 1st). The respective national anthem has to be played only for the WUBOX international champion (individual and team winners in FCI-IGP-3)

5. Trial judges and track supervisor

- 5.1. The trial judges (phase A, B and C) are selected and determined by the WUBOX utility dogs commission from the WUBOX judges pool. The cynological curriculum vitae (CV) of the chosen judges has to be published on the official website of the organizer and in the catalogue. Judges from the organizing FCI-NCO are not used. In the selection of the judges these associations of

WUBOX, which are attending with national teams at the WUBOX international championship, should be considered on a rotation basis. The FCI-NCO may appoint an additional trial judge to observe the exercise “down under distraction”.

- 5.2. The WUBOX utility dogs commission shall confirm one of the judges (phase B and C) as chief judge. The chief judge is responsible, that the FCI Guidelines set down in the “International Utility Dogs Regulations (IGP) for international utility dogs” in the currently valid version” of the FCI, as well as these specifications of the WUBOX are observed. The organizing FCI-NCO and all participants have to follow the instructions of the chief judge.
- 5.3. The chief judge may also be appointed by a member of the WUBOX utility dogs commission. The chief judge must not come from the organizing FCI-NCO.
- 5.4. The WUBOX utility dogs commission in agreement with the organizing FCI-NCO shall confirm a trial judge as track supervisor. The CV of this chosen judge has to be published on the official website of the organizer and in the catalogue. The duties of the track supervisor, in cooperation with the organizer, shall include:
 - cooperation in the selection of the tracking ground
 - cooperation in drawing up the tracking time schedule
 - guiding and possibly instructing the track layers
 - determining the objects and order of laying them out
 - arranging the numbering of the articles and tracking boards
 - checking the weathering of the articles and due and proper laying of the individual tracks and confirming the same for the acting trial judges
 - has a track re-laid if it has been made unusable through external, third-party influences, e.g. changes in the ground though agricultural work, large groups of people, etc.

The track supervisor shall have the following rights:

- rejecting a section of the ground that differs greatly from the other tracks because of unforeseen changes in the nature of the soil
 - rejecting a track layer if he/she repeatedly does not follow instructions
- 5.5. If the trial judges or supervisor only has a command of one language, an interpreter is to be provided by the FCI-NCO running the event. The interpreter must be familiar with the course of the trials, display knowledge of cynology and observe discretion.
 - 5.6. The decision of the trial judges shall be final and incontestable.
 - 5.7. The costs of board and lodging for the track supervisor and the trial judges are borne by the FCI-NCO. The expenses and travel expenses for the track supervisor and the trial judges are borne by the WUBOX.

6. Admission and registration of competitors

- 6.1. The total number of competitors taking part in the WUBOX IGP international championship shall not be limited. If the situation requires it, the organizer can limit the numbers in consultation with the WUBOX utility dogs commission.

- 6.2. Each competitor must be a member of a national organization that is affiliated to the FCI. The right of an FCI-NCO to start in the WUBOX IGP international championship can be given according to the following principles, the application of which is left up to the FCI-NCO:
- Nationality
 - legal residence (in accordance with the FCI Statutes)
 - the dog owner must have the nationality of the country for which his/her dog will compete or must have his/her legal residence for a minimum of 12 months in the country for which he/she will compete. If the dog owner has a double nationality, he/she can choose either country without any restriction. If difficulties arise, they must be referred to the WUBOX Executive board for final settlement.
 - No matter his/her nationality, the dog handler will not be allowed to compete for more than one country and will be authorized to handle one dog.
 - The dog must have been registered with the studbook or appendix to the studbook of the country for which it will compete for a minimum of 6 months.
- 6.3. Members of the organizing committee and the WUBOX utility dogs commission with official duties during the event are not allowed to handle a dog in the WUBOX international championship.
- 6.4. Participation at the champion class (FCI-IGP-3) and the competitions (FCI-IGP-2 and FCI-IGP-1) is restricted exclusively to dogs, which have successfully passed at least one test according to FCI-IGP-3 (FCI-IGP-2, FCI-IGP-1) with a training degree or equivalent (during the period between the last and the following WUBOX IGP international championship). A dog must always be guided in the highest, achieved examination level. For participation at the competitions (level 1, 2 and champion class), it is necessary to present a passed exam (during the period between the last and the following WUBOX IGP international championship) with at least 240 points (“good”). This has to be proofed by way of a copy of an according certificate. The FCI-NCO are free to require more stringent qualification for team nomination within its competence.
- 6.5. The only dogs allowed to compete are those registered with the studbooks or the appendix to the studbooks of a FCI member organization. Castrated bitches and male dogs are admitted. White, Monorchide and Kryptorchide dogs are allowed to compete. Docked dogs are generally not permitted. The majority of the three trial judges decide on veterinary certificates.
- 6.6. Before the closing date, the FCI-NCO have to send the registration for the national team to the organizing FCI-NCO. Registrations by teams with a wildcard (from FCI-NCO that do not belong to the WUBOX) are accepted without restriction. The registration has to include the following information:
- Name of the FCI-NCO
 - Class, the dog will be handled in
 - Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the team leader
 - Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the handler
 - Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the owner
 - Name of the dog, date of birth, stood book number, identity mark (chip), training degree, sire, mother, breeder

The registration must be signed by the national association (team leader, chairman for working or president). The signature of the handler is sufficient for teams with a wildcard.

- 6.7. All registrations by name must have reached the head of the organization (registration office) by the registration deadline specified in the invitation. The person in charge of organizing confirms the accepting of the registration in written form (E-Mail) or / and by publishing the names of participants on the official website for the event.
- 6.8. Registrations that cannot be taken into account must be immediately notified to the FCI-NCO concerned and the teams with a wildcard in writing (e-mail).
- 6.9. Handlers, who cannot present the scorebook or the pedigree or the vaccination card, will be excluded from participation.
- 6.10. The winner of the **WUBOX IGP international championship** is automatically entitled to enter the championship the following year (only with the same dog) as defending champion if his country registers him.

7. Scorebook

- 7.1. The competitors must show a scorebook issued by their FCI-NCO. All scorebooks (collected at FCI-NCO) must be handed over to the organizer before the start of the championship.
- 7.2. The term **“WUBOX IGP international championship”** and the year must be clearly entered in each competitor’s scorebook in addition to the results.

8. Classification and title

- 8.1. The competitor with the highest total number of points in individual scoring (FCI-IGP-3) shall be the winner and be awarded the title **“WUBOX IGP international champion 20xx”** (to indicate the date). In the competitions (FCI-IGP-1 / FCI-IGP-2) the winner shall be awarded the title **“Winner Competition 2 20xx”** and **“Winner Competition 1 20xx”**.
- 8.2. In the case of a tied score, the higher individual result in Phase C shall first be decisive, then the higher individual result in Phase B. In the case of tied individual results, the competitors shall be classified in the same position ex aequo.
- 8.3. All competitors (FCI-IGP-3) that have achieved a positive result shall be included in the team score. The two highest overall results per team shall be considered. In the case of a tied score, the higher score in Phase C shall first be decisive, then the higher score in Phase B. If the scores are tied in the individual sections, the teams shall be classified in the same position ex aequo. The team with the highest number of points shall be awarded the title **“WUBOX IGP Team Champion 20xx”** (to indicate the date).
- 8.4. The organizing FCI-NCO shall publish a result list with the names and countries of the competitors. When drawing up the result list, the handlers with their dogs that have achieved the training degree shall be listed first. The other competitors without a training degree shall then be listed according to their score, numbered consecutively. Only competitors, which

passed the exam successful, will be placed.

9. Prizes

- 9.1. The organizing FCI-NCO is responsible for prizes and a present as a memento of the event.
- 9.2. A memento prize should be provided for each competitor. All placed teams receive a certificate.
- 9.3. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed participant (champion class, competition level 2 and level 1) receive a trophy. The trophies for the champion class should be obviously different in form or size to trophies for the competitions. Special awards for "Best Tracking", "Best Obedience" or "Best Protection" are assigned only in the champion class and only be given to dogs that have achieved the test.

10. Protests

- 10.1. The judges' decision shall be final and incontestable. Objections or protests shall only be possible because of non-compliance with the IGP rules. The team leader must lodge any protest with the chief judge. In such case, a guaranteed bond of 300.- € must be lodged at the same time, which shall be forfeited in favor of the organizing FCI-NCO if the protest is rejected.
- 10.2. The proceedings shall be conducted by the chairmen of the WUBOX utility dogs commission (or his deputy). The ruling on protests shall be made by the chief judge, the section judges and the trial chairpersons (and the track supervisor, if tracking work is concerned). The decision taken by these persons shall be final.

11. Insurance

- 11.1. The organizer must have taken out an insurance policy with sufficient cover for personnel, supervisors, trial judges and helpers.
- 11.2. Each competitor shall him/herself bear the cost of any damage caused by his/her dog. The FCI-NCO are responsible, that only competitors holding a liability insurance policy for consequences resulting from being a dog owner are registered.
- 11.3. The local veterinary provisions must be observed.

12. General remarks

- 12.1. In principle, the stipulated FCI Guidelines set down in the International Utility Dogs Regulations (IGP) for international utility dog trials in the currently valid version must be complied with accurately and precisely.
- 12.2. In cases of doubt and matters concerning the WUBOX IGP international championships, which are not provided for in these specifications, the majority of the three trial judges shall make

the final decision.

The German version is the authentic one.

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